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841 CHESTNUT BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107
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Mr. Tafti Dehghani
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2500 Broening Highway
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Dear Tafti:

This letter is to inform you that the draft Preliminary Assessment (PA) and PA Score for Proto Circuits (MD-399) have been reviewed by the Site Assessment Section. The following comments are offered:

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

- [1] Please provide a table of contents.

PA SCORE

- [2] Page 12 - The distance to the probable point of entry of the nearest surface water body is 2000 feet. Therefore, the Likelihood of Release factor should be 500.

- [3] Page 14 - Intermittent streams are not considered under the new HRS models. The unnamed stream should be omitted from the list of fisheries making Rock Creek the surface water body with the lowest flow, resulting in a Secondary Fisheries value of 30.

- [4] Page 15 - Wetlands along the intermittent stream should also be omitted leaving a total Secondary Sensitive Environments Score of 35.

- [5] GENERAL - Please recalculate the PA score incorporating the above comments.

Please finalize this PA incorporating the above comments into the text. As you know, until the report is revised it will not be considered final and CERCLIS will reflect that the PA is not complete. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (215) 597-3437.

Sincerely,

Melissa Whittington

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Site Assessment Manager
Site Assessment Section

Enclosures